



Cholla District Network News



Councilmember Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

March 2, 2012

Save the Date! Cholla District Meeting

6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Foothills Branch Library
Roadrunner Room

Paris in the Spring this Saturday.

Experience the fine food, culture and shopping of Paris without making a trip half-way around the world, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 in downtown Glendale and Catlin Court. Visit Glendale's Paris in the Spring event for a worldly experience for free! Along with Paris in the Spring, enjoy First Saturdays and the Open Air Market the same day! For more information, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

Glendale Civic Center Ranked #1.

Congratulations to the Glendale Civic Center for being named the number one facility for meeting and convention buildings of its size by Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business. The business opinion poll, conducted by Ranking Arizona, includes more than 160 business, tourism and leisure categories throughout Arizona. [Click here](#) for information about the Glendale Civic Center.

Bus Strike Averted – Talks Resume. The Veolia Transit's Union called off its planned strike late Thursday evening. The union set a new tentative strike date of March 9 to allow the union a chance to resume talks with employer Veolia Transportation Services at the request of Phoenix. Representatives from Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1433 and Veolia Transportation Services met Thursday afternoon with Phoenix officials to work out dates for additional labor talks in order to avert a strike. These talks are now scheduled for early next week.

The union and Veolia's management agreed to continue labor negotiations starting next week when retired Arizona Supreme Court Justice Ruth McGregor could be involved as an observer to the talks that have been going on for almost two years. The city is monitoring this situation and will get the word out right away if a strike occurs. [Read more.](#)

Updated Budget Meeting Schedule. The city of Glendale continues to conduct budget meetings. The time for the meeting on Tuesday, March 6 has been updated and the location for all the upcoming meetings has changed; please see below for the new schedule:

- Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 1:30 p.m. – COMPLETED
- Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m. – COMPLETED
- Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 1:30 p.m. – COMPLETED
- Tuesday, March 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (there will be a break for lunch)
- Tuesday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at Glendale City Hall in the Council Chambers, and free parking is available in the city hall parking garage. The meetings will also be broadcast live on Glendale 11 TV and live online at www.glendaleaz.com/video.

The meetings are archived on the city website for viewing 24/7 at www.glendaleaz.com/video. Budget documents are posted on the city's website at www.glendaleaz.com/budget. Residents can give input during the budget process by calling or sending an email or letter to:

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Office (623) 930-2249 or Home (623) 561-8263 or mmartinez@glendaleaz.com

Letters to the City Council can be sent to:
5850 W. Glendale Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301

Nearly 500 Volunteers Participated in Glendale Serve Day. Nearly 500 volunteers from four faith-based organizations completed several community service projects in Glendale recently. Projects included painting four homes, cleaning up empty lots, painting house numbers on curbs, painting a retirement community clubhouse, cleaning up yards, the surrounding neighborhoods and more.

Glendale's Serve Day is coordinated by the city of Glendale's Neighborhood Partnership Office, which identified the various projects, coordinated the tools and worked with church leaders. Volunteers came from churches in Glendale along with many city employees and their families. For more information on volunteering, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2868.

Glendale Family Bike Ride – April 15. Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 15 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Visit www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride to pre-register beginning March 5. The first 500 riders that pre-register (online or via mail) will receive a t-shirt. To receive registration information through the mail, call the Glendale Transportation Department at 623-930-2940. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10.

On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the route to assist any riders in need. For more information, call 623-930-2940.

Around Town

Behind-The-Scenes Peek at City Government Offered in Glendale University Classes. Learn how the city's budget is put together and get an inside look at how your community is policed during Glendale University City Government "101." This special 10-session program offers a behind-the-scenes look at how city government works.

Applications are now being accepted for the spring Glendale University (GU) program. The classes are held Mondays, March 12 through May 14. The first four classes and the May 14 graduation are 6-8:30 p.m. and the others are 6-9 p.m. The deadline for registering for Glendale University 101 is March 8. [Click here](#) for an application and more information or call the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868.

2012 State of the City Address. Mayor Elaine Scruggs will give her 2012 State of the City Address on Thursday, March 15 at the Glendale Civic Center in conjunction with the Glendale Chamber of Commerce's 61st Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$60 per person or \$480 for a table of eight and can be purchased from the Glendale Chamber of Commerce by calling 623-937-4754. Registration begins at 10:45 a.m. and the luncheon program begins at 11:30 a.m. [Click here](#) for more information.



Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival. This year's festival is an official Arizona Centennial event! Join us from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Avenue. Enjoy 150 performers featuring everything from folk and bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling. Admission is free. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4200.

Green Festival – March 31. Join us for Glendale's Annual Green Festival from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 for free energy saving devices, classes, industry experts from over 30 agencies and businesses and a free Family Zone. The event will be held at the Glendale Main Library and Xeriscape Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street. [Click here](#) for more information.

20th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival – April 14-15. The city of Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 14-15.

The city of Glendale's Jazz & Blues Festival is not just about music, as the event will also feature fine artists working on-site, craft artisans and delicious food and beverages.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Admission is free. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the city of Glendale special event hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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